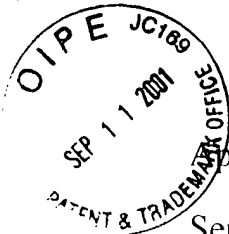


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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office letter mailed on June 27, 2001, please renumber claims 14-15 as claims 9-10. Also delete claims 1, 3, 5, 7, and 8-10.

Add the following claims:

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- C/ 1 --11. A process for obtaining mevinolin by culturing a
2 fungal culture medium of one or more of an *Aspergillus terreus*, and
3 *Aspergillus obscurus* strain, the culture medium containing assimilable
4 sources of carbon, nitrogen and inorganic substances at conditions suitable
5 for the production of mevinolin, consisting essentially of the following steps,
6 (a) adjusting the pH of the culture medium to between about 7.5 and
7 about 10 to dissolve mevinolin from the fungal culture medium of the said
8 *Aspergillus* strain into the fermentation liquor,
9 (b) separating the fungal culture medium from the said *Aspergillus* strain
10 to obtain a separated fermentation liquor,

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